

draft program rolls: viet exam program

...ured that we will be ... majority of the 1700 ... on May 14th. That date ... of four; chapters should ... nearest printing center to ... for tests for the sub ... three dates, and to pay the ... for the paper they ...

... Davis, Cal. an all night vigil ... for May 13 in front of ... Chancellor's residence, to highlight ... faculty-student petition asking that the exam not be held there.

At the State U. of N. Y. at Buffalo, SDS has pushed hard for an official statement renouncing ranking and barring the SRA test. After the President refused to address a public meeting concerned with the draft, twenty-one Buffalo students conducted a forty-three hour sit in his office. Finally, an agreed to send two administrators in a public meeting, where they declared that the administration makes the decisions and the opinions of the students are irrelevant.

This triggered a huge uproar, unfiling students of all political hues. At a 1500-student rally Friday, 700 pledged to sit-in unless the University changed its stand. The President then agreed to "seriously consider" the recommendation of the Faculty Senate, which has an open meeting Thursday. The Arts and Sciences college faculty has already recommended that ranking not occur.

At the U. of Chicago, SDS and others have demanded that the university not rank, and 750 students signed a newspaper ad with that position. Mass meetings have been held, and in light of university intransigence, a sit-in is planned for Wednesday to render the administration building inoperable.

It is clear that tremendous pressure can be generated on this issue. It may be possible to have the test called off at a large number of schools by the second date.

The American Civil Liberties Union, meanwhile, has announced its hope to provide legal assistance in case of any constitutional violations on Saturday. Its statement is as follows:

"The right to express political opinion is guaranteed by the First Amendment. That expression can take many different forms including the SDS plan to publicize its opposition to the draft and the Vietnam war by distributing its National Vietnam Examination to students taking the Selective Service College qualification test. Distribution of material in public to interested pedestrians is one of the classic forms

of political communication. The Supreme Court has held that it cannot be prohibited. Nor should it be.

"This right in freedom of political expression is of particular relevance in universities and colleges. Academic freedom implies that the very purpose of higher education is to instruct, but not only in the classroom. Therefore university and college administrators have a special responsibility not only for permitting but for encouraging free political debate on campus specifically including the distribution of the National Vietnam test."

ON SATURDAY, call 312-667-6050 for Eric Chester if you have legal problems. Call for Bob Speck, New Left Notes, if you have news. AVANTI! Paul Booth

southern cal

The Southern California Region is mobilizing itself for the next few weeks. Much of the activity will be focused around the Selective Service College Qualification test. On May 14, the National Vietnam Exam will be passed out at nearly all of the testing centers in Southern California. In conjunction with the passing out of the SDS exam, rallies will be held throughout Southern California.

On May 21 and 22, Riverside SD will march to the March Air Force Base. They will then march to Pomona for a rally. From Pomona, they will proceed in a Torch Lin Parade to Los Angeles which is 30 miles away.

On May 28, Southern SDSers will picket the Dow Chemical Corporation, which is a manufacturer of napalm.

U of c sit-in

Chicago, May 11

A large contingent of University of Chicago students, with leaders from the SDS chapter there, sat in outside the Administration building Wednesday afternoon and has retained control of the building up to this moment.

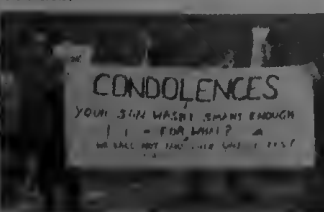
Their move came as the result of an exhausted campaign through "normal channels" to obtain satisfaction for the demand that ranking not be done for the use of the Selective Service.

The official head count for the first night's sit-in was 452 students. 11 professors held classes in the student occupied Ad building today.

The action of the U. C. group sparked other efforts around the country. City College SDS and other groups marched on the Administration building to demand no ranking, there was a considerable possibility of a sit-in today or tomorrow.

Other sympathy demonstrations were being held from Maryland to San Francisco State.

Meanwhile, the UC students voted to hold out in the Administration building until a satisfactory decision was reached.



Science Research Association Demonstration May 7th

SUMMER COORDINATION

The Spring N. C. mandated the national office to try to assure continuity of SDS activity during this summer. Chapters that will continue to function during the summer either on campus or through a summer news

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nc ballot

PROPOSAL A

Buy Arok National Council meeting and Midwest Convention.

Argument: SDS has developed a large west coast constituency which must have a national meeting or it will never develop the kind of national identification afforded by such an event. Better that it should be the June NC than a meeting during school or a convention; this would get more Eastern delegates than any other California NC. Also, there is a possibility for travel grants to the electoral conference. Also, there is the student 1/2 fare plan to remember when thinking of cost. Also the West has more than its share of electoral activity. Anyway, a good number of SDS Easterners go West in June.

PROPOSAL B

Eastern Midwest NC and Northern Midwest Convention

Argument: Should continue the practice of holding meetings at the points most convenient for our membership distribution. A good attraction for the convention would be the island site near Minneapolis. Hosted by the U. of Minn.

NAME: _____

fund drive

The spring National Council meeting established an emergency fund-raising goal of \$10,000 or roughly \$2 a member. The campaign is aimed at clearing away back debts of the organization at national, regional, and project levels, and providing a base of support for the new programs adopted by that meeting. With the understanding that the costs of a movement must in the long run be carried by those who best understand the need for that movement, the NC decided that this fund-raising campaign would be the responsibility of the membership of the organization, through their chapter, regional, etc.

It was decided that each chapter would appoint a fund-raising coordinator and that he would be placed in communication with the national office and regional offices where possible to carry out the campaign. In addition, chapters are being assigned quotas as rough estimates of the share of the \$10,000 goal (this is being carried on a pro rata basis). Please select a coordinator at your next chapter meeting or executive committee meeting, and inform the N. O.



photo by Michael James

In the last six or seven months and it retains the largest chunk of the SDS members and chapters. This is slightly more true in the summer because of the East Coast students who go to school in the Midwest. A Colorado convention meets the California problem halfway. It is a mountain site, cheap, and, according to the U. of Colo folks, beautiful. It would also be in closer reach for the Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas folks than any other site. They've always had to travel for days to get to meetings.

PROPOSAL D

Midwestern City NC and East Coast Convention

Argument: This is probably the most convenient for the most members and chapters. The last four meetings have been in the Midwest. The attendance has been reduced at the most inaccessible sites like the state park near Spencer, Ind. (4-65). A Midwest city would get the largest attendance, but an East Coast convention would probably be the most attended ever.

OTHER

Chapters not agreeing with any of the four proposals are invited to submit their own alternatives, with arguments.

PROPOSAL A

PROPOSAL C

PROPOSAL B

PROPOSAL D

NAME: _____

awoc comments

Upon reading the section on AWOC in the recent group strike report published by SDS, I kept getting the strange feeling that it was ghost written for SDS by the California Council of Farmers and Growers. At a time when FWA and AWOC are making every effort to maintain and strengthen their alliance in helping SDS choose to publish a rather vicious and distorted attack on AWOC while the strike is still being jointly conducted and I find it even more difficult to comprehend the amazing lack of knowledge concerning AWOC which the author displayed.

This is not to say that AWOC's record has been particularly notable. Both their strategy and tactics are open to justification, criticism, and will continue on their course. But the implications of the article and specifically the sentence which read: "AWOC has developed a political philosophy organizing - hitting a home, collecting a year's dues, sitting with the then putting out leaflets, working behind the fall, does a great injustice to the organization. Another particularly terrible thing section reads: 'Also, a boycott action outside the Valley has been conducted by FWA and AWOC.' Some speculate that this is because the AFL-CIO saw AWOC as a hindering organization there to prevent farm workers until 1967. As a result, labor relations are being taken to agricultural workers and a multi-race farm workers union is being formed. The leadership has been campaigning among the farm workers of the United Farm Workers of California. It is a very real effort to bring FWA and AWOC together. Did it ever?

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NATIONAL CONVENTION

This will be around five days long, and will be held the last days of August. It will discuss basic organizational policy.

This ballot will set the location for both gatherings. Chapters should vote on where they think the meetings should take place.

comments on awoc

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...because of their excellent relations with SDS, SNCC, etc., as well as their particular appeal to students, and liberal groups in general, might be more efficient than AWOC in coordinating boycott activity? Or perhaps that AWOC feels that it is important for them to concentrate their efforts in Delano, the locale of the strike? Isn't it also possible that AWOC is organizing the orange pickers simply because they are sincerely interested in doing just that -- organizing the orange pickers?

The author takes one sentence to deal with the 1960-1961 Imperial Valley lettuce strike. It would take ten pages to even begin to describe the tragedy of that strike. AWOC was not even involved in that strike at the beginning, since they were supposed to be concentrating in the Stockton area. AWOC joined with the Packinghouse Workers and the jurisdictional dispute was with the Meat Cutters. It would be more accurate to say that the strike collapsed not because AWOC pulled out, but because organized labor (as usual) simply did not give to the Packinghouse Workers the support they needed.

Now let us take another look at the AWOC approach to the organization of farm workers. The author seems to imply that AWOC is little better than a racket set up to milk farm workers for dues. (He didn't state AWOC's purpose in leaving workers in jail.)

My own impression of AWOC is that it is simply an inept attempt to apply the principles which have been successful in other sectors of the economy to the organization of farm workers. In certain areas, notably soft fruits, they have had some "success" because growers simply cannot afford the economic losses that even a brief strike will cause. Sometimes all that is needed is a brief show of strength directed at one grower, and all the growers in an area will meet union wage demands. But this top-down organizational approach, even when successful, leads only to improved wages, and does little to the way of building a lasting institution. Thus, though the workers often gain higher wages they develop little loyalty to AWOC. The workers move on to another crop and there is no longer any function for AWOC to serve in the area. Both their traditional trade union bread-and-butter approach and their shortage of funds effectively preclude AWOC's building a permanent, lasting organization in these areas. Chavez, on the other hand, wisely concentrated his initial efforts to a relatively stable and permanent work force.

During the course of an AWOC strike, people do often end up in jail. Especially when the strike is lost. Usually the jailed include AWOC organizers. After a crop has been picked and the work moves to another area, people may still be in jail (including AWOC organizers). They are always defended by AWOC lawyers, however.

AWOC does collect dues (often high ones). Perhaps if their original budget of \$250,000 per year had not been cut to \$60,000 this wouldn't be necessary. Rather than being the result of a plot against farm workers, though, the fact that AWOC leaves an area following a strike after having collected some dues, and with people possibly in jail, is a function primarily of the seasonal nature of the work and the apparent inability of the AWOC leadership to grasp the fact that the traditional trade union approach can-

not simply be transferred from the factory to the field.

I do not know when this report was written, but the UAW has long since come through with their promised financial assistance. It also should be pointed out that the recent hearings by the Senate Sub-Committee on Migrant Labor which were conducted in California were largely the results of efforts by Walter Reuther.

I never thought that I would be put in the position of defending AWOC. I have no particular love for their organization.

But they deserve better treatment than SDS has given them in this report. Perhaps, if instead of relying on "reports we've yet to hear contradicted," or what "some speculate," an honest attempt had been made to present the AWOC position, the author might have drawn a different conclusion. As an organization that has been subjected to the slander of Katzenbach, SDS should be especially sensitive to publishing damaging remarks about an organization until an honest and thorough research attempt has been made in this particular case, even if every thing in the report were true, its publication does little good for any of the parties involved. Let us rather concentrate our efforts against the very real and powerful enemies of the farm worker.

Steve Engleman is a Berkeley graduate student in economics who has worked extensively in the area of farm labor (last year he testified at hear-

grapes of love

Washington, D. C.

In the article on the grape strike in NLN #12, it is said that "the growers can be beaten". This brings to mind the following thoughts:

First: Without in the least bit meaning to apologize for those who so inhumanly exploit their fellow men, I am concerned with the effect of organizing on a largely negative basis -- of being against people, or, in some cases, hating them, as an organizational technique (and, indeed, as a human reaction). I am aware that concern with nonviolence and loving people can often be a cover for not facing squarely the conflicts in society and between people, and for not declaring oneself in those struggles. Nonetheless the pacifist's concern with the effects of both physical violence and hatred on both parties is a valid one, one which we in SDS should concern ourselves with more than we have in the past. (I might add that I've been in SDS since mid-1962.) I know that it is difficult to remember this where exploitation is most severe and naked, but even there ways must be found of working toward a community which embraces all men: after all, assumedly we do believe that all men are of value. (And it will not suffice for people to outrageously answer that exploiters must be expropriated before community can be developed; I know that very well. That fact doesn't relieve us of the duty to seek ways now for the future -- and present -- community.) I also know the value of the liberation which can come only with the expression of built-up hatreds whose repression would be a repression of the very men themselves. But I also know the dangers there. Furthermore:

Second: Because so many SDS members are not themselves poor and are not likely to spend most (if any) of their time organizing in poor neigh-

borhoods, they will but rarely have to deal with situations where exploitation is sharp and clear. Instead, they will be organizing among people who are both exploited and exploiters, as is true of most of the middle class and, indeed, many workers, who have or wish to attain middle class status. There, the problem of a differentiated approach to people -- seeking to appeal to the good in them while somehow rejecting or expurgating that which is bad and exploitative -- is a very real one. There it is a necessary tool of organizing to find means of attaining community with exploiters. American society is not sharply bifurcated into the few evil exploiters and the exploited many (though this is more true than American mythology would have it); instead, there is a many level system of exploitation and alienation, in which the people of each level take from those below but must give some to those above. And ghettoized people are not necessarily blessed with an immediately clear picture of the power structure and who is really exploiting them: they see welfare workers, cops, the local grocer, city hall, often fellow ghetto residents, as the ones oppressing them. Or, to put the whole thing another way, the problem in both middle and under class (though for different reasons) is false consciousness -- a false consciousness too often shared by SDS people.

I know it's not easy to develop a "balanced" view of an individual, recognizing that he combines good and bad in himself and his social actions -- just as it is difficult to do with a nation containing so much evil as the U. S. -- but this is just what we mean by saying in the Port Huron Statement that "man is infinitely precious."

Don McCalvey

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projects & announcements

rep programs

The last two issues of New Left Notes reprinted the first draft of the Radical Education Project outline. In this issue there is a reply form in which SDS members can indicate their willingness to participate in the project.

Specifically, we need the following information:

- (1) Do you wish to participate in a study group?
- (2) If so, in which group -- or on what specific topic area do you want to work?
- (3) What specific jobs do you wish to undertake

(a) writing -- topic?
(b) research -- on what?
(c) bibliography -- what area?
(d) other
(e) Can you do fundraising for the project?
(f) Can you take responsibility for...

organizing a study group -- or the particular topic area you indicated?

(6) How much time will you have this summer to work on REP activities?

The organizational form with which REP will begin is that of the topic area "study group". These study groups might be organized nationally, with interested people from around the country or abroad being in touch through correspondence and occasional conferences, or locally around a core of SDS people in a particular chapter, university, city, or region. Each study group would be made up of people interested and working on a particular topic or problem. The composition of the study groups is important. Ideology and political strategy will not be discovered by a solely intellectually based enterprise. There must be a dynamic between theory and practice, reflection and involvement. People should be participating in these groups who have experience in the grassroots of the movement, as well as people who can bring certain intellectual competencies that heretofore have been missing in the movement. More specifically the functions of each group would be:

- (1) to write on the study group topic and criticize one another's writing
- (2) to speak to SDS or other "movement" groups on the topic
- (3) to undertake original research developing important aspects of the topic
- (4) to serve as consultants in the formation of action programs, strategies and ultimate goals related to the topic area
- (5) to review and make available existing knowledge
- (6) to organize conferences, develop special educational materials, serve as liaison between the movement and other groups

(7) to publish papers, pamphlets and discussions which, in the opinion of the group, merit wider distribution. Each group will have a coordinator responsible for maintaining communications within the group and liaison with the general program.

The Radical Education Project is only as wide as the study group members desire. If there is interest in all of the individual programs outlined here and people take responsibility for them, the whole program with all of its facets will be accomplished. If interest (continued on page 3)

newark elections

by Dave Gelber

Newark, May 11 The Newark Community Union Project, which half fell and half jumped into the Negro insurgent wing of Newark politics, won an important victory in yesterday's municipal elections.

NCUP support provided the margin which enabled Earl Harris, an independent candidate, to defeat a machine-financed and directed Board of Aldermen.

Harris won the right to appoint a conservative Jewish incumbent who fought NCUP from its inception to the South Ward seat on the city's Negro registered voters list. Harris won 21 in the ward.

(more to follow next issue)

If you are interested in working on the RADICAL EDUCATION PROJECT return this card and send you further information about your study group selection and its activities.

I. NAME _____

PRESENT ADDRESS _____

street and number _____ city _____ state _____ zip _____ phone _____

SUMMER ADDRESS _____

street and number _____ city _____ state _____ zip _____ phone _____

OCCUPATION _____ AGE _____

II. WHAT ARE YOUR MAJOR FIELDS OF INTEREST? _____

ARE YOU CURRENTLY WORKING ON A SPECIAL RESEARCH PROBLEM(S)? IF SO, WHAT? _____

III. HOW MUCH TO WORK IN A REP STUDY GROUP? [] YES [] NO

What is your general subject area here _____

What is your specific subject area in reverse _____

IV. SPECIFIC TASKS

	RESEARCH	WRITING & EDITING	SPEAKING	CONSULT.	BIBLIO.	GRAPHY	FUND	RAISING	OTHER	(specify)
I. COUNTER-CURRICULUM										
II. RADICALS IN THE PROFESSIONS										
III. POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY, IDEOLOGY										
IV. POWER, POLITICS AND CLASS										
V. AGENTS OF CHANGE										
VI. INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION										
VII. THE ARMS										

VIII. WILL YOU TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ORGANIZING OR COORDINATING A STUDY GROUP? [] YES [] NO

III. DO YOU KNOW OTHER PEOPLE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN REP - EITHER BY JOINING A STUDY GROUP OR FURNISHING FINANCIAL SUPPORT?

[illegible]

Printing & Presses

The program around the draft exam has only served to emphasize something which I have felt for a long time. SDS needs printers and printing presses, in that order. Many of our

SUMMER ADDRESS CHANGE

Please notify the national office (as well as your chapter and region) of your summer plans. Completion of the form below will ensure that you receive New Left Notes over the summer, as well as information about SDS activities in your area.

NAME 5
PRESENT ADDRESS _____

Summer address or person thru whom
you can be reached

Will you be working full time?
part time
involved
in movement summer projects?

If your plans are not set would you be interested in serving as an area summer coordinator for SDS? (Previous SDS experience is required. There is some possibility of a small stipend.)

Please use the space below for additional comments as to activity in, you would be interested in type of work, you will be doing, etc. If you will be attending summer school, can you distribute basic literature to follow students? Also, let us know if you will have the same address in the fall.

Please detach and return to national office or chapter secretary. Chapters should submit this information collectively if possible.

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graph and all the
a press Art Rosenbloom and I have
just bought four offset presses and
can get more. The ones we bought
are nullith model 80's which will
for 1200 and cost us 50. We may
be able to get model 1000's for 150
and model 1250's for 100-200. All
these machines will need repair work
done on them, but the cost of repairs
should not be over 50 apiece for
the model 80's and 100 for the others.

The project will be a four week
school during the summer for printers
to use and repair the presses. Regional
offices and other groups should
send in applications as soon as
possible. The cost will be the cost
to us of the machine plus the cost
of repair parts. Trainees will have
to provide for their own room and board.
At the end of the training period
the trained printer will take his press and
go home to his region or chapter
with it.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Although both Art and I work for the NU, this project is ours and we are putting up the money for it. No one should hope to come and be taken care of by the NU, nor should they think that the presses will be given away. Costs of the presses must be paid for in order for the presses to be taken back to the regional offices. These machines are in very good condition and are a better than excellent buy.

Bob Smith

the southern courier

MONTGOMERY ALABAMA
The Southern Courier, a civil rights newspaper published in Alabama is looking for more staff people. They need business people, cartoonists, photographers, and reporters, in that order. Contact Robert Smith, The Southern Courier, 622 Frank Louder, 74 Commerce St. Montgomery Alabama, 36104

join community union

JOIN Community Union is an organization of poor people in Chicago's Uptown; most of our members are Southern whites. This winter our office was destroyed by fire. The cost of opening a new office was expensive, and the expansion of our organizing activities, in order to involve more people, has added to that expense.

We have expanded our staff to thirty-five and have had to buy several used cars, all often in need of repairs. Our present organizing working includes setting up our own cooperative hiring hall to fight the many exploitive day labor slave markets here in Uptown, and expanding our welfare union that is working with similar unions throughout the city. To help meet the legal needs of the people in Uptown, we have had to hire a fulltime lawyer to supplement the volunteer lawyers who've been working with us. The nurse who meets and gives advice to people in the community several nights a week would, along with a pediatrician, like to start

mfdp recruiting

MISSISSIPPI
The Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party is trying to recruit 200 volunteers to work on their programs this summer. All who are interested should contact MFDP, 802 G Street S.E., Washington, D.C.

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